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## NOTES OF CASES.

NEGLIGENCE—DEFINITION BY SUPREME COURT OF UTAH.—Negligence is the failure to observe for the protection of another's interests and safety such care, precaution and vigilance as the circumstances justly demand, and the want of which causes the injury. Downey v. Gemini Mfg. Co. (Utah), 68 Pac. 414.

PARENT AND CHILD—RIGHTS OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILD.—An illegitimate child is held, in *Lavigne* v. *Lique Des Patriotes* (Mass.), 54 L. R. A. 814, not to be a child or relative of her father, as those words are used in a statute designating the persons who may be beneficiaries in certificates of mutual benefit associations.

CONTRACTS IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE.—A contract not to engage in the barber business in any manner in a certain town, made by the owner of a barber shop on the sale of his furniture, tools, and fixtures, is held, in *Pohlman* v. *Dawson* (Kan.), 54 L. R. A. 913, to be violated by his working as an employee in another barber shop in the town.

CRIMINAL LAW—MANSLAUGHTER—IDENTITY OF VICTIM.—In the absence of actual malice, manslaughter, and not murder, is held, in *State* v. *Yanz* (Conn.), 54 L. R. A. 780, to be committed by killing a man while reasonably believing from the circumstances that he is in the act of adultery with assailant's wife, although the assailant is in fact mistaken.

ADVERSE POSSESSION—PRINCIPAL AND AGENT.—An agent's occupancy of a house on his principal's property, as a part merely of the contract for services, is held, in *Davis* v. *Williams* (Ala.), 54 L. R. A. 749, not to establish the relation of tenant and landlord between him and the principal, so as to preclude him from acquiring an adverse title to the property.

TELEGRAPH COMPANIES—LIABILITY FOR MALICIOUS ACT OF OPERATOR.—A telegraph company is held, in *Pacific Postal Teleg. Cable Co.* v. *Bank of Paio Alto* (C. C. A. 9th C.), 54 L. R. A. 711, to be liable for losses caused by a false telegram wilfully transmitted by an operator employed in its office, directing a bank to pay money on account of a correspondent bank.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW—DISCRIMINATION AS TO CLASSES.—A restriction of the number of persons which lodging-house keepers may permit to occupy one room during the same night is held, in *Bailey* v. *People* (III.), 54 L. R. A. 838, to be a deprivation of property without due process of law, because of the discrimination in limiting the provision to lodging-house keepers.